

The use of cell phones in the air is not only inappropriate but unsafe. We have no data to suggest that cell phone use doesn't interfere with aircraft navigation systems. The NPRM claims that cell phone use among passengers would enhance security onboard because it would allow better communication with people on the ground. By the same token, it would enable terrorists on board to communicate with one another to execute a hijacking more effectively. They could, for example, simply take out a Blackberry to email the positions of flight crew or someone they suspect to be a Federal Air Marshal or to communicate if the flight deck door were being opened for a pilot.

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- Cell phone use would enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively.
- The NPRM would leave it up to flight attendants to police the use of cell phones onboard the aircraft compromising our ability to maintain a safe, secure cabin environment and to conduct emergency evacuations.
- It would make an already tense cabin environment even more stressful.

Thank you for taking the time to listen and please protect my workplace!